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SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES AT NICARAGUAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

1. NORMAL ACTIVITIES RESUMED AT THE MANAGUA CAMPUS OF THE NICARAGUAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAN) ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF DISTURBANCES THAT FORCED THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES TO CLOSE THE CAMPUS FOR THREE DAYS. THE REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT FRON (FER), A RADIAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION WITH LINKS TO THE CASTROITE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION NATIONAL SANDINIST LIBERATION FRONT (FSLN) ORCHESTRATED A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING THE ARREST ON FEB 4 OF STUDENT ANTENOR ROSALES, ALIAS "EL CAPI" FOR POSTING PRO-FSLN POSTERS. PREVIOUSLY THE FER HAD BEEN SPONSORING A HUNGER STRIKE AND CAMPUS DEMONSTRATIONS DEMANDING BETTER TREATMENT FOR DEFENDANTS AT FSLN TRIALS.

2. ATTEMPTS BY DEMONSTRATORS TO MOVE OFF THE GROUNDS OF THE UNAN CAMPUS WERE FRUSTRATED BY NATIONAL GUARD, WHICH CLOSED THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE CAMPUS AND REPORTEDLY DISPERSED A DEMONSTRATION WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TEAR GAS. THE GUARD DID NOT ENTER THE CAMPUS, HOWEVER. DISTURBANCES WERE ALSO REPORTED AT THE JESUIT RRUN CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (UCA) ON FEB 10, WHEN UNAN STUDENTS ENTERED THE UCA CAMPUS TO SOLICIT SUPPORT.

3. COMMENT: UNAN, WHERE FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS FER HAS CONTROLLED THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT, HAS LONG BEEN A FOCUS OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT

AGITATION, WHICH THE GON TOLERATES AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT SPILL
BEYOND THE CAMPUS. LAST WEEK'S HEIGHTENED STUDENT ACITIVITY
IS PARTLY THE RESULT OF THE INTEREST GENERATED BY THE ON-GOING
FSLN TRIALS. FINAL EXAMINATIONS BEGIN THIS WEEK. THERE MAY BE
SOME DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE WEEK BUT WE CAN EXPECT A HIATUS
IN STUDENT ACTIVITY BETWEEN THE END OF EXAMS AND THE RESUMPTION
OF CLASSES IN JUNE.
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